

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eurasia Regional
Program Title:	Better Environmental Management
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	110-0160
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$994,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$271,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$719,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1993
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: Abuse of the environment and the failure to price water and public services under socialist governments took their toll on environments and citizens of Eurasia. The transition to free markets provides unique opportunities to introduce innovative approaches to incorporating efficiencies of cleaner production into the industrial cycle and to end subsidies which waste power, water, and raw materials and create inefficient public utilities. This program develops partnerships between U.S. firms and businesses and municipalities to solve environmental problems and promotes private sector investment in public infrastructure across the region.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Strategic Support for Infrastructure Finance (\$500,000 FSA). Mobilizing capital for public infrastructure across the former socialist nations of Europe and Eurasia is one of the greatest challenges facing the region. Nothing is more fundamental to securing a healthy population and a growing economy than clean water, reliable power and transportation that enables goods to flow freely. The capital that makes these things happen is not coming easily. This strategic support initiative will ensure that USAID applies the sharpest and best tools to this difficult task. Contractor to be selected.

Environmental impact compliance (\$75,000 FSA, \$75,000 FSA carryover). Each USAID activity must go through environmental impact assessment prior to obligation, pursuant to the Agency's federal impact assessment regulations (22 CFR 216). This funding provides technical support, helping to ensure that potentially significant adverse environmental impacts are identified prior to project start-up and mitigated to acceptable levels. Also during this year an analysis of the impacts of privatization and land tenure changes will be completed. SETA subcontract to DevTech Systems.

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Performance and Results: The E&E Bureau processes over 150 impact assessments annually. While no programs were significantly delayed or cancelled due to environmental compliance requirements, many were brought into compliance by careful design of mitigation measures to ensure minimal environmental damage while still meeting USAID development objectives.